Guide to the State-County Parks and Beaches Association Records MS 193

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Date (inclusive): 1928-1933
Abstract: This collection contains documents related to the State-County Parks and Beaches Association, including administration, reports, and correspondence related to the acquisition of lands to be designated as state parks or beaches.
creator: State-County Parks and Beaches Association.
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Scope and Content
The collection consists of materials related to the operation and mission of the State-County Parks and Beaches Association including by-laws and articles of incorporation, meeting minutes, Board activities, reports, and correspondence. A substantial part of the collection contains correspondence relating to the acquisition of various lands to be designated as state parks or beaches. Parks discussed in the collection include Agua Hedionda, Borrego Palms Canyon, Mission Bay, Palomar Mountain, Silver Strand, and Southwest Boundary State Park.
Biographical / Historical Notes
The State-County Parks and Beaches Association began in 1928 under the name of the San Diego County State Parks Committee. The Association strived to acquire land to be designated as state parks and beaches, and worked closely with the state of California. The Association worked with local land holders who were interested in donating parcels of land to the state, surveyed land for acquisition, worked to pass state park bond issues in San Diego County, and created a campaign committee to help rally public support for parks. The Association worked primarily to secure lands that later became Agua Hedionda Estuary Beach, Borrego Palm Canyon, Mission Bay Park, Mount San Jacinto State Park, Palomar Mountain State Park, and Silver Strand State Beach.
Association members included Secretary Tam Deering, Chairman W.T. Hart, W.C. Crandall, Alice Lee, L.M. Klauber, George Marston, and Ellen B. Scripps. The State-County Parks and Beaches Association became incorporated in 1932, changing the name to Parks and Beaches, Ltd.
Arrangement
Items in the collection are arranged by subject.
Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements
Several items of correspondence have torn pages. (January 9, 2012)
Subjects and Indexing Terms
Burnham, Frederick Russell, 1861-1947
California. Dept. of Parks and Recreation.
Deering, Tam
Drury, Newton Bishop
Gregory, Laura
Hart, W. T.
Lee, Alice
Marston, George White, 1850-1946
Mueller, Edwin
O'Melveny, H. W.
Olmsted, Frederick Law, 1870-1957
San Diego County State Parks Committee.
State-County Parks and Beaches Association.
Willis, Purl
Agua Hedionda Lagoon (San Diego, Calif.)
Anza-Borrego Desert State Park (Calif.)
Beaches
Borrego Palm Canyon (Calif.)
Mission Bay Park (San Diego, Calif.)
Mount San Jacinto State Park (Calif.)
Palomar Mountain State Park (Calif.)
Palomar, Mount (Calif.)
Parks
San Diego (Calif.)
Silver Strand State Beach (Calif.)
Torrey Pines State Reserve (Calif.)

Box-folder 1:1  By-laws and Articles of Incorporation, 1932 January 14-February 2 and undated
Box-folder 1:2  Meeting minutes, 1928 June 10-1929 July 31 and undated
   Includes:
   Resolution shared with the State Parks Commission regarding Palomar Mountain, undated
   Instructions to sub-committee delegated to meet State Parks Commission, undated
Box-folder 1:3  Meeting minutes, 1929 August 7-December 23 and undated
Box-folder 1:4  Meeting minutes, 1930 January 13-December 6
Box-folder 1:5  Meeting minutes, 1931 January 27-December 29
   Includes:
   Resolution for Special Election for Parks, January 27, 1931
Box-folder 1:6  Meeting minutes, 1932 February 15 and undated
   Includes:
   List of State Park Commission members who visited San Diego park sites, undated
   Propositions related to land acquisition in Borrego Palms Canyon, undated
   Recommendations to San Diego Country regarding appropriation of funds for Silver Strand, estuaries and beaches, Borrego , and Palomar Mountain, undated
Box-folder 1:7  Board of Directors and Regional Directors, undated
Box-folder 1:8  Campaign committee, 1930 December 29 and undated
   Includes:
   Petition for state parks bond issue, December 29, 1930
   Membership drive pledge cards
   Report to State-County and Beaches Association, undated
Box-folder 1:9  Reports: administrative, 1929 April 1-1931 August 25
   Includes:
   Financial and progress reports
**Box-folder 1:10**  
**Reports: State Parks, 1929 March 16 and undated**  
Includes:  
Reports and recommendations related to Agua Hedionda, Borrego Palms Canyon, Mission Bay, Palomar Mountain, Silver Strand, and Southwest Boundary State Park (Tijuana Estuary)  
Senate Bill No. 318 related to Mission Bay

**Box-folder 1:11**  
**Correspondence: land acquisition and appropriations (administrative), 1929 March 4-1932 February 13**  
Includes:  
Correspondence to George Marston from Tam Deering regarding State-County Parks and Beaches Association’s budget, April 28, 1931

**Box-folder 1:12**  
**Correspondence: land acquisition and appropriations (bond issue), 1929 August 12-1930 May 22**  
Includes:  
Correspondence regarding Agua Hedionda, Borrego Mountain Desert Park site, Palomar Mountain, Silver Strand, Southwest Boundary Park site, and strips of ocean frontage

**Box-folder 1:13**  
**Correspondence: land acquisition and appropriations (bond issue), 1930 July 8-1931 March 28**

**Box-folder 1:14**  
**Correspondence: land acquisition and appropriations (multiple parks), 1929 July 29-1932 February 8**  
Includes:  
Correspondence regarding Santa Margarita Ranch and the beaches of San Onofre, Santa Margarita Creek, and San Luis Rey, July 29, 1929  
Correspondence regarding ocean front acquisition from south to north county San Diego, August 13, 1929  
Correspondence regarding Silver Strand, Coronado Heights, Borrego Palm Canyon and Thousand Palm Canyon, Mission Beach, Palomar Mountain, and Agua Hedionda  
Correspondence between Senator Edwin Mueller and Fred Stevenot regarding water fowl refuge

**Box-folder 1:15**  
**Correspondence: land acquisition and appropriations (Agua Hedionda), 1930 January 4-1931 November 23**  
Includes:  
Correspondence from Department of Playground and Recreation, November 23, 1931

**Box-folder 1:16**  
**Correspondence: land acquisition and appropriations (Borrego Palm Canyon), 1929 July 18-1931 August 3**  
Includes:  
Correspondence regarding Borrego Palm Canyon and Thousand Palm Canyon

**Box-folder 1:17**  
**Correspondence: land acquisition and appropriations (Borrego Palm Canyon), 1931 August 29-1932 January 29**  
Includes:  
Correspondence regarding Borrego and Silver Strand, July 30, 1931

**Box-folder 1:18**  
**Correspondence: land acquisition and appropriations (Mission Bay Park), 1929 June 5-1931 April 4**  
Includes:  
Correspondence to Governor C.C. Young from Tam Deering, referencing Senate Bill #318 and Senator Mueller, June 5, 1929  
Correspondence related to Mission Bay causeway
Box-folder 2:1  
**Correspondence: land acquisition and appropriations (Palomar Mountain), 1929 July 24-1931 June 15**  
Includes:  
Correspondence regarding Palomar Mountain and the location of the observatory

Box-folder 2:2  
**Correspondence: land acquisition and appropriations (San Jacinto Mountain State Park site), 1931 June 9-June 11**

Box-folder 2:3  
**Correspondence: land acquisition and appropriations (Silver Strand State Beach), 1929 July 3 -November 25**  
Includes:  
Correspondence regarding Coronado Heights, Southwest Boundary Park site, Silver Strand State Park site, Coronado City Council  
Correspondence regarding Silver Strand and Mission Bay, August 30-31, 1929

Box-folder 2:4  
**Correspondence: land acquisition and appropriations (Silver Strand State Beach), 1929 November 26-1932 January 25**  
Includes:  
Correspondence regarding tax factors appraisal and condemnation proceedings, April 9-May 15, 1930  
Statement of acreage related to Silver Strand (in Oversize Collections D4)

Box-folder 2:5  
**Correspondence: miscellaneous, 1930 April 1-1932 February 8**  
Includes:  
Draft and final letter to Duncan McDuffie from Tam Deering regarding a recent meeting of the California State Park Commission, April 1-26, 1930  
Correspondence regarding Torrey Pines State Reserve and the possibility of it changing from preserve to a state park, April 3-8, 1931

Box-folder 2:6  
**Telegrams, 1929 July 5-1930 June 10**

Box-folder 2:7  
**Telegrams, 1930 July 10-1931 December 17**

Box-folder 2:8  
**Telegrams, undated**

Box-folder 2:9  
**Ephemera, 1932 January and undated**

Box-folder 2:10  
**Miscellanea, undated**  
Includes:  
List of San Diego County resident names  
“Contents of Stored File” Request to public officials to preserve California land, thereby promoting tourism. Request presented by Levi Kincaid, representing County Development Federation and County Farm Bureau  
Sale of Indemnity Certificates of Location, by W.S. Kingsbury